

REMARKS

Claims 6 to 8 and 22 to 27 are pending. Claim 28 has been canceled without prejudice as directed to non-elected subject matter. No new matter has been added.

Withdrawn Rejections

Applicants understand that the Office has withdrawn the previous objection to the specification and rejections of the claims for alleged double patenting.

Restriction Requirement

The Office has deemed claim 28 to be directed to a non-elected invention. In the interest of expediting prosecution, applicants have canceled claim 28 without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6 to 8 and 22 to 27 may now be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Office and acknowledge the Office's finding that claims 6 to 8 and 22 to 27 are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's reasons for allowance are accurate or complete, or that there are not other good reasons of record for patentability of the allowed claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims, unamended, in one or more continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

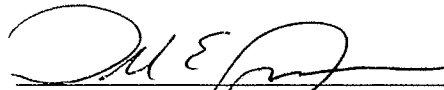
Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. The fees in the amount of \$1,640.00 for a Petition for extension of Time for a four-month extension are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket no. 05339-014003.

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